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F) MEXICO A-514, NOV. 27, 1974.

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,
COMMERCE HAS NOTED A NUMBER OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
MEXICAN FISHERIES AND WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL DETAILS
AND REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE'S ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS;
ITEMS BELOW.

2. A CUBAN RADIO BROADCAST ON DECEMBER 30, 1975
INDICATED THAT 20 REINFORCED CONCRETE VESSELS BUILT IN
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CUBA FOR MEXICO. THE 16-METER LONG VESSELS ARE EQUIPPED

WITH 150 HP ENGINES. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE RANGE AND OPERATING CAPABILITIES OF THESE VESSELS, AS WELL AS THE SPECIES FOR WHICH THEY WILL BE USED.

3. A MEXICO CITY NEWS RELEASE (INFORMEX) ON JANUARY 10 ANNOUNCED THAT FISHERIES UNDERSECRETARY MEDINA NERI HAD LEFT FOR ROME TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF EXTENDED

FISHERIES JURISDICTION BY MEXICO WITH FAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFICIALS. COMMENT ON THESE TALKS AND HOW THEIR SUBSTANCE AFFECTS U.S. INTERESTS IS REQUESTED.

4. IN THE RELEASE CITED IN PARAGRAPH 3, MEDINA NERI STATED THAT MEXICO'S FISHERY LANDINGS WILL EXCEED 1 MILLION METRIC TONS. NMFS WOULD BE GREATLY INTERESTED IN RFA'S EVALUATION OF THIS ESTIMATE, ITS EFFECT ON U.S. FISHERMEN, ON FISHERY RESOURCES IN AREAS WHERE MEXICO AND THE U.S. BORDER, AND ON FISHERIES TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE CATCHES OF WHAT SPECIES WILL BE INCREASED? WILL SUCH ADDITIONAL CATCHES BE EXPORTED TO U.S. MARKETS OR CONSUMED DOMESTICALLY?

5. DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE REGIONAL FISH ATT INDICATED THAT A NEW CONTRACT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH GULF COAST SHRIMP FISHERMEN. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS ON ITS PROVISIONS.

6. EVEN IF SECRETARY MEDINA'S ESTIMATE IS OVER OPTIMISTIC, IT WOULD SEEM PROBABLE THAT, BECAUSE OF THE MANY SCHEDULED ADDITIONS TO THE MEXICAN FISHING FLEET (REFS A-F), THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE MEXICAN CATCH IN 1976. NMFS AND DEPARTMENT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE REGIONAL FISH ATTS ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF MEXICAN FLEET EXPANSION ON UNITED STATES FISHERY INTERESTS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ARE THE SHRIMP, TUNA, ANCHOVY, AND SNAPPER FISHERIES. KISSINGER

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